

# PROPOSED PACT OF MAJORS AND MINORS

Just What Big Fish of the Baseball Puddle Desire Passed. Minor Leagues Have Not Yet Ratified It—Meet in Chicago in January.

BY BOB FIGUE.

John D. Martin, president of the Southern league, along with every club owner in the association, has before him a copy of the proposed agreement between the major and minor leagues, which will come up for ratification or rejection at the joint session of the majors and minors to be held in Chicago on Jan. 10. The magnates of all the minor leagues are looking over the pact, but it will not be known until the confab early in the New Year whether the proposed agreement will be adopted or not. So far no minor league has given its full indorsement.

The Southern league will meet in its club, either disjunctly or jointly, to discuss the proposed agreement. The agreement will be taken up and discussed and either adopted or rejected. At the recent meeting of the league held here no action was taken relative to the proposed agreement, it having been deferred until the spring meeting, which will be held Jan. 13, after the Chicago conference.

## THE CHIEF OBJECTION.

The chief objection raised to the agreement by the minor leagues thus far, after studying the plan, is that the smaller baseball organizations are given no voice in the selection of the supreme court of baseball, to which they would be obliged to bow in case they ratified the agreement that has been proposed.

Another objection that has been raised is that the agreement is not what many of the minor leagues figure as the proper instrument to promote a close affiliation and working agreement between the majors and minors. It has been the wish of many minor league magnates to have an agreement whereby baseball would be operated from a central government.

## PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

The text of the proposed major-minor agreement as drawn follows:

### Article I.—Recognition of the Commissioner.

Section 1.—The minor leagues recognize the office of commissioner as created by the major league agreement and submit themselves to his jurisdiction to the extent hereinafter specified.

Section 2.—In case conduct detrimental to baseball is charged, alleged or suspected, the commissioner shall have the right to investigate and determine the facts; upon such determination he may take such preventive, repressive or punitive action as he deems appropriate against any party hereto, any minor league or club connected with the National association, or any individual, as the case may be.

Section 3.—Punitive action by the commissioner may take the form of a permanent or temporary suspension, a declaration of temporary or permanent ineligibility to play for any club connected to any of the parties hereto.

Section 4.—In case of any dispute between the major league or either of them, on the one hand, and the minor leagues, of any of them, on the other, the case of dispute shall be referred to the commissioner.

### Article II.—Duration of Agreement.

Section 1.—This agreement shall remain in force as long as the National association and the minor leagues and a minor league or minor

league shall continue to hold the office as commissioner.

Section 2.—The form of players' contract to be proposed to the major and minor leagues by the advisory council, and all contracts between minor leagues or minor league clubs and their officers and employees shall contain a clause by which the parties agree to submit themselves to the discipline of the commissioner and to his decisions rendered in accordance with this agreement.

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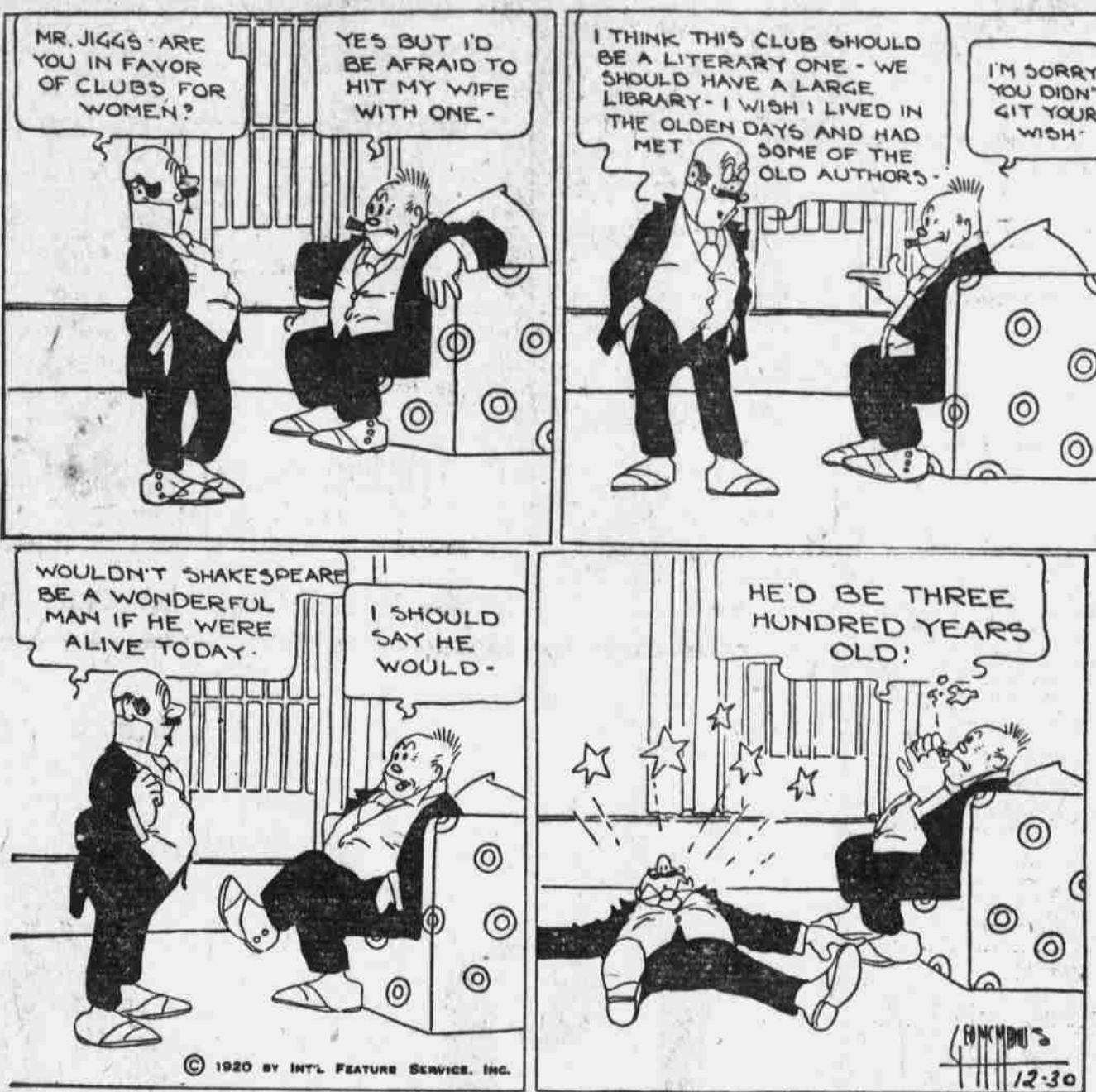
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# BRINGING UP FATHER—By George McManus

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## The SPORTING SPOTLIGHT By Bob Figue

"I don't care how many good catchers the Southern league will have next season, I'll stack my roll that Bob Dowie, Memphis backstop, will be one of the leading receivers in the league. I've played with him, and I know that he is without doubt one of the most capable men back of the plate that I have ever seen in a minor league."

It was Hub Perdue, Nashville manager, speaking. Hub was with Bob while both were members of the New Orleans club, and the Squash says he ought to know whereof he speaks.

"Dowie has everything that a good catcher should possess," continued Hub, who was doing all this social callisthenics while attending the recent Southern league meeting held here. "He has a good head, is a timely hitter and best of all, he has that rare and priceless attribute of a good throwing arm. He gets the ball away from him fast, and there will be as few bases stolen off him as any man in the league."

"Dowie is a great studier for young pitchers. He is also a keen student of the opposing hitters, and he always knows what to ask for in a pinch. He gets everything he needs out of a pitcher, and if the man on the mound will give him what he calls for, the chances are that the opposition will not fare any too well."

Perdue says Dowie should be worth a lot to the "Chicks" in 1921. "The Memphis club, as I sized it up last year, needed a catcher more than anything else. And now with Bob Dowie to handle the receiving chores, I look for Memphis to make a much better showing," concluded the Squash.

It is a matter of record that there were only two bases stolen in the Memphis club in 1920, and both of these pilfered catches were pilfered off by Tommy McMillan, a Man of War on the bases. It is nothing to Bob's discredit that he allowed McMillan to get to him for a pair of stolen bases, for he had a picnic on other catches. One of the stolen bases McMillan got was a close decision at second base, with Wild Tom Gifford calling the play.

Dowie is the outright property of the Memphis club, having been acquired when Dowie was a red-headed right-handed pitcher, was shifted from the reeve of the Tribe to the nest of the Pelicans.

The second-string receiving job will be contested for by George Bischoff and Gil Meyers. The latter catcher went to New Orleans during the 1920 season on a loan arrangement, but at the close of the year he reverted to the Tribe.

Meyers is wintering in St. Louis, while Bischoff is employed in Memphis.

Babe Ruth struck out more than any other batter in the American league in 1920. After whiffing, he was like cyanide of potassium when he came up the next time with his big mace.

Bambino is planning a big rampage for next season, and says he won't be satisfied unless he bangs out 75 round-trip tickets.

It looks like a hard summer for Ban Johnson's pitcher.

## RED MAY RETIRE.

Red Torkelson, the Charley Chaplin of Sunland league, who pitched for the New Orleans Pelicans in the summer time and who sells canned dramas for the Robertson-Cole Film corporation in the off-season, says the permanent barring of the spitball may keep him out of the game next season.

The red-head, who is a spitball pitcher, was here recently, and in discussing the matter, said, among other things:

"Before the spitball was barred, I was a 700 pitcher, and now with the moist delivery outlawed, I am little better than a 400 pitcher. It's tough on guys like me to have their most valuable pitching asset taken away from them," opined Red, as he wiped the sweat out of his lamps.

Torkelson says he is making quite a collection of dollar bills at selling movies, and that he isn't so certain that he will return to baseball next year.

Red is a great lover of baseball. He says it is fun and a little bit of a job, and that it is a matter of record that he has Thurston or Herriman the Great backed off the boards.

## TILDEN BRIGHT STAR IN YEAR OF TENNIS

Thousands of New Players Take Up Racquet in U. S. During 1920.

Tennis lived up to its rank as a major sport during the year. Thousands of new players took up the racquet in this country; tournaments galore were played before enthusiastic crowds and all of the big title fixtures both here and in Europe were brilliant successes.

William T. Tilden II, of Philadelphia, acknowledged as the world's champion and winner of the American championship in the annual tournament at Forest Hills, L. I., was the bright star of the year.

Tilden won the international championship at Wimbledon, England, defeating the world's best players. He then came here to dethrone William M. Johnston by winning his way through the ranks to the final round, from which he emerged a brilliant victor.

Johnston, the 1919 champion, and Clarence J. Griffin, his townsman from San Francisco, annexed the National doubles title. Vincent Richards, Yonkers star, won the junior title and Roland Roberts took the clay courts championship.

In addition to annexing the outdoor title Tilden also won the indoor single championship and with Richards as his partner took the indoor doubles title as well.

Women in Tennis. Mrs. Franklin I. Malory, formerly Molla Bjurstedt, came back this year, winning the national women's singles title for the fourth time. Miss Helene Foltak, of New York, annexed the women's indoor singles championship crown. In the national doubles Miss Zinderstein and Miss Eleanor Goss emerged the victors.

Miss Pollock and Mrs. L. G. Morris captured the national indoor doubles championship.

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## BRITON TAKES BIG GOLF TITLE HOME

National Open Goes Across Water in 1921—Women Champs Fare Well.

Golf returned to the high and popular plane it enjoyed before the war. The visits of the British golfers to this country and various American golfers to England and France aroused great interest.

Edward ("Ted") Ray, one of England's great professionals, invaded our ranks and carried away one of our coveted titles when he won the national open championship from the classical field of players who ever entered an open tourney on this side of the Atlantic.

With Ray came the great Harry Vardon, who was the runner-up for the open title. The wonderful playing of these two Britons resulted in the final round for the title being fought out between Englishmen, while our best talent stood by and looked on.

Charles ("Chick") Evans came back in national amateur competition, winning the championship from a great field in which were Cyril Tolley, English amateur champion, and Hope and Westwood, invading Britons. Evans' victory was scored over a field that included Francis Ouimet, Bobby Jones, S. D. Herron, 1919 champion, Bob Gardner, former champion and runner-up in the British amateur tourney.

Women Golf Champions. Miss Alexa Stirling, the brilliant Atlanta player, again won the national women's title, defeating the country's best players. Miss Stirling had previously captured the Southern and Canadian women's titles.

Jesse Sweetwater, of Yale, captured the intercollegiate title over the course of the Nassau Country club, and Princeton's golfers won the team title over the same course.

Walter Hugen, erstwhile american open champion, won the French open championship. The British open title went to George Duncan.

## WOLVERINES HERE FOR BATTLE WITH MEMPHIS CAGERS

Fast Basketball Battle Promised When Michigan Five Meets Local Y. M. C. A. Passers Thursday Night.

The Michigan Wolverines, said to be one of the strongest basketball quintets in the country, will meet the Memphis Y. M. C. A. passers Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock at the "Y" cage in what should be one of the hardest-fought basketball battles ever staged in Memphis.

The Wolverines reached Memphis early Thursday and are quartered at the "Y." They are all in great shape and confident of taking the measure of the Memphis team.

The Michigan outfit has just played the Nashville Ramblers and walked roughshod over the Capital City outfit. A feature of that game was one of the Michigan men taking a crash at the referee's jaw.

R. L. Sullivan will serve as referee in the Thursday night game, and everything is expected to pass off without a hitch.

Coach George Gleaves of the "Y" five has his squad in fine condition and every member of the team is ready to go. They are confident they will be able to take a fall out of the invaders and will enter the game determined to bring home the bacon.

## To Be Outwitted.

The Michigan team will outwite the locals by several pounds, but the Memphisans hope to overcome this lack of poundage by speed and better passing.

Only one football player is listed among the Wolverine passers, Capt. Arthur Carpus, who has won letters in baseball and football.

The game should be one of the best ever witnessed in Memphis regardless of which team wins.

The Memphis "Y" meets Marquette university, of Milwaukee, Saturday night.

## EXPECT 42,000 TO SEE BIG GAME

(By International News Service.) PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 30.—With the seating capacity of Tournament park increased to 42,000, it is expected that one of the greatest assemblages ever gathered together at a similar event in Southern California will be on hand Saturday to see the intercollegiate football contest between Ohio State and California.

Coach Wilce of the Buckeyes has only one man in perfect condition for right halfback. This player is Elmer Henderson and Blair are on the hospital list, Blair having sustained a badly fractured ankle in practice.

It is hoped, however, that despite his injury, Blair, who played a splendid game against Illinois, will be in shape to take his place Saturday.

The Ohioans underwent a stiff signal practice for two hours by moonlight last night. Great care was taken to prevent any of the men being hurt.

## N. O. Lightie To Battle Delmont At S. A. C. Monday



One of the best lightweights in the business is Eddie Caronne, of New Orleans, who meets Gene Delmont, of Memphis, at the Southern A. C. Monday night. Caronne has beaten Artlos Fanning and Red Dolan recently, and says he believes he will add Delmont to his collection of victims. Delmont is training hard for the go, and is confident of taking care of his part of the show.

On the same card with Delmont and Caronne will be Kid Black, of Memphis, and Johnny Brown, of Baton Rouge, negro welterweights. Brown knocked out the Mexican Kid and Kid Washington, two hard customers, and says he will beat Black, who will outweigh him several pounds.

Two other bouts will make up the rest of the card.

## ROY MOORE STOPS JACK SHARKEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Roy Moore, of St. Paul, scored a technical knockout over Jack Sharkey after one minute of fighting in the eleventh round of a scheduled 15-round match here last night. Both men are bantamweights.

Referee Harry Stout, of Milwaukee, stopped the bout to save Sharkey from further punishment. The manager of the local bantamweight, who was not in his best form, wanted to throw in the sponge in the tenth round, but Sharkey insisted on fighting. He was badly battered in the next round, when the referee stepped in and stopped the fight.

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## BETWEEN ROUNDS

WITH BILLY HAACK.

All of the patrons of my club remember the big negro, "Moon-eye," who used to box there. He surely had some funny eyes, one looking east and the other directly southwest.

One night he fought Kid Sylvester and in the second round Sylvester hit him on the chin and down he went like a ton of brick.

As I started counting Sylvester looked down at "Moon-eye" and said: "Nigrah, yo' bettah min' dat eye dat's lookin' at de fio' and stay down dere."

The little speed king for 1920 was won by the late Gaston Chevrolet, who captured the championship at Indianapolis on Decoration day.

Chevrolet was killed in a race at Los Angeles on Nov. 25, but even death could not rob him of the laurels he won at Indianapolis when he captured the famous 500-mile derby.

## MAJOR SCHEDULE COMMITTEES MEET

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The meeting of the American and National leagues' schedule committees will be held here Jan. 8, according to an announcement today by President Johnson of the American league.

By framing their playing charts for 1921 at that time the schedule committees will be ready to report to their respective leagues at the time of the joint meeting of National and American leagues, Jan. 12, avoiding the necessity of calling the perfunctory schedule meeting previously held in New York in February.

At the Jan. 12 meeting the proposed new national agreement between majors and minors will be considered and ratified.

A special session of the minor leagues' association is scheduled to be held here Jan. 10 and 11.

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